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29 August 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Daily Activity Report - 29 August 1963

1. Mission Status

a. IDEALIST - The U-2 detachment at Edwards Air Force Base, California is in a standby status. The detachment [Redacted] is alerted for a mission over South China - estimated take off time [Redacted]

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[Redacted] estimated time of return [Redacted]

b. BRASS KNOB - One SAC U-2 mission was flown over Cuba on 28 August with an estimated 80% target coverage and no hostile reactions.

c. CORONA - The CORONA J vehicle will be deactivated for a period of approximately 4 days. The First half of the mission was successfully recovered at 2318 EDT, 28 August.

CORONA mission 9058A is scheduled to launch at 2000Z, 29 August 1963.

2. OX CART Status - 28 August

a. Aircraft #126 - Flight 16; purpose - refueling, ARC-50, [Redacted] checkout; duration - 3:06 hours; maximum Mach .96, maximum altitude 40,000 ft. Refueling considerably less difficult than previously. Four contacts made, 15,000 lbs. transferred. ARC-50 reception good but range and bearing inoperative. [Redacted]

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b. Aircraft #127 - Flight 4; purpose - refueling, ARC-50, SSB radio check; duration - 1:37 hrs; maximum Mach .95, maximum altitude 45,000 ft. Pilot reported no difficulties maintaining contact with tanker

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during refueling. Four contacts, 15,000 lbs. transferred. ARC-50 reception good; transmitter, bearing and distance modes inoperative. Single side band reception OK but transmitter inoperative - lower band.

c. Aircraft #121 - Engine removal due compressor honeycomb problem.

d. Aircraft #122 - Engine removal due compressor honeycomb problem.

e. Aircraft #124 - Routine maintenance. Scheduled 29 August.

f. Aircraft #125 - Engine removals. Right engine - control system scheduling malfunction. Left engine - excessive oil consumption (over 50 hours total time).

g. Aircraft #128 - In final assembly.

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